

GENERAL NEWS.

There were again large fluctuations in the Gold Room on Saturday, the price closing 243 $\frac{1}{2}$ cent. Stocks left off firm. The Money market steady.

Chief Engineer DECKER, in view of the rumors of incendiarism on to-morrow, has directed the Fire Department to be on the alert for immediate duty. He also directs the bellringers to be vigilant for alarms and cautious in regard to false ones.

Maj.-Gen. BUTLER and Staff have taken quarters at the Hoffman House, a new hotel just completed at the corner of Twenty-fifth street and Broadway, Messrs. REED, WALL & Co. proprietors. While making this his residence, Gen. BUTLER has also established his military headquarters here. Gen. SCOTT has also taken rooms at the Hoffman House for the Winter.

A loyal meeting was held at Hoboken, N. J., on Saturday night, at Harmonia Hall. The attendance was very large and the audience enthusiastic. The meeting was addressed by Hon. E. B. WAKEMAN, of Jersey City, and GEORGE TERWILLIGER, of this city. The feeling in Hoboken indicates a Union success.

The Police Commissioners have perfected arrangements which will insure quiet to-morrow. No one need apprehend any difficulty at the polls. Disturbances, should they occur, will be met and suppressed on the instant.

The last rally of the men of Westchester, on the eve of the election, will be made to-night at Whitlockville, near Katonah Station, when Col. BEARD, Wm. E. DODGE, Jr., and JOHN JAY are expected to speak.

By the steamship *Ariel* which arrived here yesterday, we have dates from New-Orleans to the 30th. The news is not of special interest.

Another serious accident occurred on the Erie Railroad yesterday morning at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock. The Buffalo and Dunkirk passenger Express, due here at 12:45, ran off the track at Callicoon, 136 miles hence, in consequence of a misplaced switch. The engine, baggage-car and three passenger-cars went over an embankment thirty feet high. The cars were filled with passengers, two of whom were killed, and upward of thirty injured—a number of them very seriously. Two of the employes of the road were also killed. The killed are: THOMAS G. CLARK, of this city, well known from his connection with the Post-office as Division Superintendent; WILLIAM H. CREDDLE, private, One Hundred and Forty third Volunteers, of Ithaca, N. Y.; HORACE BARAGER, fireman, and ARTHUR BAAS, of Port Jervis, N. Y., machinist in employ of the road. Wm. HULL, the engineer, was so seriously injured that he was not expected to survive. The engine and cars were completely wrecked.

TIMOTHY CRONIN, Esq., the candidate of the War Democrats for District-Attorney, in this city, declines the nomination, stating in his letter, as a reason why he declines the honor, that in this struggle for nationality, loyal men should not be divided at the polls, but should be all united upon one Union candidate for that office.

Rev. Dr. THOMPSON preached last evening at the Broadway Tabernacle Church, a patriotic sermon on "The Nation's Choice of Life or Death." He also read extracts from a letter received by him from Gen. SHERMAN, and from a letter written by Gen. RANSOM, a few days previous to his death. The church was filled to its utmost capacity with a most respectable audience, who listened with eager attention to the sermon throughout.

In obedience to the orders of the President, and by the assignment of Gen. DIX, commanding the Department of the East, Major-Gen. BUTLER has assumed command of the troops arriving and about to arrive in this State. He this morning issues an order, which will be found in another column, declaring that a sufficient number of troops have been detailed for duty in this District to preserve the peace of the United States, to protect public property, and to punish incursions into our borders; and that so far from being here to interfere with the free exercise of the duty of voting at the present election, the soldiers are "especially to see that there is no interference with the election, unless the civil authorities are overcome with force by bad men."